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In re Application of	:	
Maris et al.	:	
Application No.: 10/558,446	:	DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/EP05/51300	:	
Int. Filing Date: 21 March 2005	:	ON
Priority Date: 31 March 2004	:	
Attorney Docket No.: L0009/US	:	PETITION
For: Hydrogenated Styrenic Block Copolymer	:	
Compositions With Improved High	:	
Temperature Overmolding Properties	:	

This is in response to the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed on 18 October 2006.

### **BACKGROUND**

This international application was filed on 21 March 2005, claimed an earlier priority date of 31 March 2004, and designated the United States. The International Bureau transmitted a copy of the published international application to the USPTO on 13 October 2005. The 30 month time period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 30 September 2006.

On 12 October 2006, a Notification of Abandonment (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) was mailed to applicant, indicating that this international application had become abandoned with respect to the national stage in the United States for failure "to provide the full U.S. Basic National Fee by 30 months."


### **DISCUSSION**

Petitioner requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment on the basis that the Transmittal Letter filed on 28 November 2005 included an authorization to charge fees to counsel's Deposit Account. Review of the record reveals that the Transmittal Letter filed on 28 November 2005 is present in the application file. Said Transmittal Letter requests that the USPTO "Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1951 in the amount of \$900.00 to cover the above fees;" the fees itemized in the Transmittal Letter include a \$300.00 basic national fee. It also states that "The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1951." In view of this fee authorization, the Notification of Abandonment mailed on 12 October 2006 was issued in error, and it is hereby **VACATED**.

### **DECISION**

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the National Stage Processing Branch for further processing, including the preparation and mailing of a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) requiring the submission of an oath or declaration compliant with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) and the surcharge under 37 CFR 1.492(h).



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